

HOUSE BILL 36

By Carringer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-601, relative to litigation taxes in support of services benefiting children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-601, is amended by deleting subsection (d), which presently reads as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any county having a population of not less than sixteen thousand six hundred (16,600) nor more than sixteen thousand seven hundred (16,700), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, levy an additional litigation tax of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in all criminal cases instituted in the county. Such tax is in addition to all other such privilege taxes authorized by law. Any revenue collected pursuant to this subsection (d) shall be deposited in the county general fund for the sole purpose of providing grants for services in support of physically and sexually abused children.

and substituting instead the following:

(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a county may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, levy an additional litigation tax of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in all civil and criminal cases instituted in the county. Such tax is in addition to all other privilege taxes authorized by law. Any revenue collected pursuant to this subsection (d) must be deposited in the county general fund for the sole purpose of providing grants for services in support of the child advocacy center, established in

accordance with § 9-4-213, and child protective team, established in accordance with § 37-1-607, that serve the county.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.